

In the Claims

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 10-15.

Please ~~amend~~ claim 18 as follows.

D1 18. (Amended) A catalyst produced by the process of claim 16, having a first layer containing magnesium and a second layer containing copper.

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendment, claims 16-30 will be pending. Claim 18 has been amended. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification as originally filed, at, inter alia, page 4, lines 32-37 and page 7, lines 11-18. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections upon reconsideration.

Applicants and applicants' representative gratefully acknowledge the telephone interviews conducted with Examiner Johnson on September 5 and October 2, 2002. Applicants appreciate the examiner's input and helpful comments during the interviews. The above claim amendment is being made as a result of the interviews, during which the language of the claims was discussed. It was agreed during the interview that the claim amendment herein is appropriate in view of the cited prior art. It was also agreed that, with respect to the pending claims other than claim 18, the remarks made by applicants in response to the final rejection dated April 3, 2002 are persuasive, and the claims have been adequately distinguished from the prior art cited by the examiner.

Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for all of pending claims 16-30 is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' undersigned representative at (215) 557-5966 if he wishes to discuss the application further.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned, "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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